

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) | CASE NO. 8:05CR179 |
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| Plaintiff, |) | |
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| vs. |) | TENTATIVE FINDINGS |
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| VICENTE MENDOZA, |) | |
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| Defendant. |) | |

The Court has received the Revised Presentence Investigation Report ("PSR") and the government's objections thereto (Filing No. 80). See "Order on Sentencing Schedule," ¶ 6. The Court advises the parties that these Tentative Findings are issued with the understanding that, pursuant to *United States v. Booker*, 2005 WL 50108 (U.S. Jan. 12, 2005), the sentencing guidelines are advisory.

The parties¹ have objected to the quantity of controlled substance attributable to the Defendant in ¶ 36 and the base offense level 36. The plea agreement reflects the parties' agreement that the drug quantity for which the Defendant should be held responsible is at least 1.5 kilograms but less than 5 kilograms of a substance containing methamphetamine, resulting in the application of base offense level 34. The Court's tentative findings are that, absent unusual circumstances, the plea agreement should be upheld and the base offense level should be calculated as level 34.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Court's tentative findings are that the government's objections (Filing No. 80) to the PSR are granted;

¹The Defendant objected to the probation officer, though formal objections were not filed. (PSR, Addendum.)

2. The parties are notified that my tentative findings are that the PSR is correct in all other respects;

3. If **any** party wishes to challenge these tentative findings, the party shall file, as soon as possible but in any event before sentencing, and serve upon opposing counsel and the court a motion challenging these tentative findings, supported by (a) such evidentiary materials as are required (giving due regard to the requirements of the local rules of practice respecting the submission of evidentiary materials), (b) a brief as to the law, and (c) if an evidentiary hearing is requested, a statement describing why an evidentiary hearing is necessary and an estimated length of time for the hearing;

4. Absent submission of the information required by paragraph 3 of this order, my tentative findings may become final;

5. Unless otherwise ordered, any motion challenging these tentative findings shall be resolved at sentencing.

DATED this 23rd day of February, 2006.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp
United States District Judge